

**HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

June 15, 2016

Howard County Health Department, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, 21045

ADAAB MEMBERS/DESIGNEES: Chinwe Adetula, Tsega Amahatsion, Rick Bergin, Mark Donovan, Robert Ehrhardt, Joe Gagliardi, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Darell Horney, Jack Kavanagh, Sophie Lovering, Carol Robinson, Chris Robinson, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Meghan Skaggs, Linda Zumbun

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Liam Donovan

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Chair Joan Webb Scornaienchi. She welcomed the board and guests and everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The June 15, 2016 Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The May 18, 2016 Minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Provided by Roe

Given the budget cut 1/1/17, the Howard County Health Department will cease clinical services for ambulatory outpatient substance use disorder on 12/31/16. The Health Department is in discussions with several private providers regarding opening new clinics and/or expanding existing clinics.

The next Overdose Response Program trainings are scheduled for Monday, 7/18/16, 8/29/16, and 9/26/16 at 10:00 A.M. at the Howard County Health Department. Several other trainings are scheduled at community locations. 204 people have been trained and provided naloxone year to date in FY16.

COMAR 10.63 Community Behavioral Health Programs was signed 5/13/16 and will be effective 7/1/16. The due date for application to the Office of Health Care Quality for a program license is 1/1/18 and date to be licensed is 4/1/18.

The FY17 State of Maryland budget, approved under Senate Bill 190 includes a 2% rate increase for community behavioral health providers effective 7/1/16.

House Bill 437 was passed 4/26/16 which includes the following: licensed pharmacists must be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) by 7/1/17. Prescribers must be registered by 10/1/16 when applying for Division of Drug Control licenses (new or renewal), or 7/1/17, whichever occurs sooner. Mandatory use begins 7/1/18. Prescribers and pharmacists may delegate PDMP data access.

The final updates to the Maryland Regulations, Chapter 10.09.49 Telehealth Services include substance use disorder providers (Opioid Treatment Providers (Provider Type 32) and Addiction Certified Programs

(Provider Type 50) to engage in telehealth with permissible telehealth distant site providers and the expansion of buprenorphine treatment through the use of telehealth.

The Maryland Good Samaritan Law (Limited Criminal Immunity) effective 10/1/15, provides protection from arrest as well as prosecution for certain specific crimes and expands the charges from which people assisting in an emergency overdose situation are immune (possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, and providing alcohol to minors).

Maryland Coalition of Families received a grant from the Behavioral Health Administration to provide family navigation services to families caring for a youth/young adult with substance use problems. The program contact information was provided to the Board.

HC DRUGFREE PREVENTION/EDUCATION/OPIOID UPDATE: Provided by Joan

HC DrugFree continues to educate Howard County residents on the importance of securing medications, distribute medication storage boxes at fairs/events, and target some opioid education to the 50+ population.

HC DrugFree's staff revisited pharmacies across Howard County to replenish *In the KNOW about opioids* campaign materials and continue educating pharmacy staff on medication disposal opportunities in Howard County.

Drug Court: ADAAB agreed to continue attending graduations.

MEMO RECOMMENDATION UPDATE: The memo emailed to ADAAB was submitted to the County Executive in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kavanagh mentioned continued concern for State psychiatric hospitals being over capacity and not accepting patients forcing detention centers to detain people until beds become available.

Dr. Gagliardi mentioned plans to encourage Howard County General Hospital to develop a needle drop box and drug take back box, as well as an outpatient detoxification program.

Mark mentioned expanding adolescent substance use disorder treatment within his practice due to limited services in the County and high demand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting is September 21st at 5:15 P.M. at the Howard County Health Department

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 P.M.